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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PAPIERNIK ET AL.

Examiner

Octavia Davis

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 – 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sartorio.

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Sartorio discloses a structure for measuring machines or machine tools comprising a primary crossbeam 6 disposed between movable support elements 1 and supporting the tool or the machine component, a rigid secondary crossbeam 5 supported between the support elements, and a measuring unit 11 connected with the primary crossbeam and constructed to measure a deflection of the primary crossbeam relative to the secondary crossbeam (See Col. 3, lines 7 – 29).

Regarding claim 2, the deflection is dependent on a weight and a force exerted on the tool or the machine component (See Col. 2, lines 31 – 35).

Regarding claims 3 and 4, the secondary crossbeam and the primary crossbeam differ in rigidity (See Col. 4, lines 34 - 43).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary

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skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sartorio in view of Stutzacker.

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Sartorio discloses all of the limitations of these claims except for a teaching that the measuring unit is constructed as a measuring instrument using laser triangulation. However, Stutzacker discloses a sewing machine for sewing stationary large surface material comprising crossbeams 6, 7 disposed between supporting members 1, 2 and sensors 55 – 59 for sensing distance (See Col. 6, lines 21 – 29).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Sartorio according to the teachings of Stutzacker for the purpose of, measuring the distance position between a plurality of units to effect re-engagement means (coupling members) upon the selective change of predetermined distance (See Stutzacker, Col. 10, lines 54 – 59).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sartorio in view of Stutzacker, as applied to claims 1 – 7 above, and further in view of Halstrick.

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Regarding claim 8, Sartorio and Stutzacker disclose all of the limitations of these claims except for a teaching that the secondary crossbeam includes a metallic surface. However, Halstrick discloses fastening for storage racks comprising crossbeams 14a disposed between upright posts 10 wherein the crossbeams 14a are composed of sheet metal (See Col. 3, lines 24 – 30).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Sartorio and Stutzacker according to the teachings of Halstrick for the purpose of, providing a storage mechanism which is simple to assemble, rigid in construction for carrying vertical loads and which is resistant to bending moments (See Halstrick, Col. 1, lines 34 – 42).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Meline et al (4,607,531) disclose a torsional and axial strain measurement extensometer assembly.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Octavia Davis at telephone number (571) 272 - 2176. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursdays (9:00 - 5:00), Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz, can be reached on (571) 272 - 2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872 – 9306.

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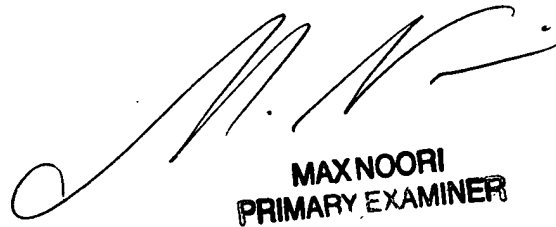
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